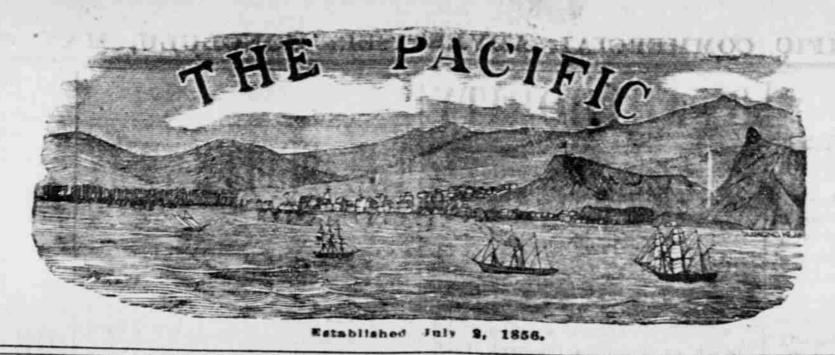
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MEETING OF THE CONVENTION

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AN ELOQUENT SPEECH MADE BY PRES

All the Diplomatic and Consular Corps Present Except Mr. Wodehouse and the Portuguese Consul-The Convention Will Meet Again at 10 C'clock Today.

P. O. Box 297. There was no pomp or ceremony such progress, or of those who may contemplate such conspiracy with helpless indifference because unable stitutional Convention yesterday. to understand the magnitude of the The hall in the Judiciary building ened. formerly used as the meeting place | The Provisional Government thus of the Legislature was crowded, archy has administered public affairs and great interest was taken in the proceedings. By half-past 10, the room was fairly well filled, and at 11 o'clock, the time set for the Convention to meet, there was not a seat to be had and the doors and corridors were crowded.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the members of the Convention entered and took their seats. After a prayer by the Rev. H. H. Parker, Presi dent Dole gave the following ad-

COUNCILLORS AND DELEGATES, MEM-BERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1894: In calling the Convention to order,

I ask your attention to some matters relating to the work for which you have come together. The delay which the project of political union between Hawaii and the United States of America has experimodifying the present provisional sys-

a permanent form, and to more fully

introduce the principle of representation by the people.

The subject has been carefully considered, both from the standpoint of the responsibility of the Executive capacity to discharge public duty.

Advisory Councils, and that of Although the establishment of a condemontal law, which shall, as far the rights of the people and the ne-

the growth of free institutions. This being conceded it became nec-Government.

The latter method was adopted as

giving more freedom of action and a ing a new constitution was a perplexnarmless, opens the pores, increases the other hands the whole responsibility cations that the requirement of propnatural and necessary secretions of the in an enterprise so vital to the future erty qualifications is legitimate. Such

elected delegates. I need hardly remind you of the difficult and delicate character of the duty which the Convention is called upon to perform. The monarchy, after a period of decadence which was threatening and prejudicial to all public and private interests, came to a energies and aspirations in the inter-

est of despotism. This attempt conferred upon that portion of the community who were in sympathy with the political devel-opment of the State as an organizamovement; for no part of a nation which has made progress in civilizathe right-to initiate such a relapse, re- on the other. lying upon the indifference or want of political sense of a portion of the population. Those who submit with- tion to the presidential term succeedout protest to such a scheme, thereby | ing his own incumbency will require confess their inability to accomplish examination, in view of the tempta-or defend their own civilization, and tion to the prostitution of the author-

There is, therefore, in the assump- creates.

injury with which they are threat-

springing from the ruins of the monuntil the time has now come to readjust the civil system upon more representative lines. The work of making a constitution

The work of making a constitution for the government of these islands upon a republican basis is beset with perplexing questions which require for their solution a large degree of patriotism, wisdom, industry and courage.

To express in a constitution and laws the political ideas of a people with a common origin, common religion and common purpose is an easy task in comparison with that of formulating a system for the government of mixed races, without a common origin, religion or purpose.

mon origin, religion or purpose.

I believe, however, that we may achieve success in our undertaking if there is secured to all coming under such a fundamental rule a system of impartial justice and wise administration, and there be established in the minds of those who may be, from the exigencies of the situation, excluded from participation in the govern-

ment, a sentiment of confidence in the integrity of the rulers.
The final test of the work which we are compelled to take up by the revolt of the deposed Queen against the enced has brought up the question of organic law, whence can be her sole modifying the present provisional system in order to give the Government | minds of those who are watching it, by our success in holding power without abusing it, and in administering gov-ernment for the benefit of the many

the rights of the people and the necessities of the case; and while such as possible, provide for the safe and a change is imperatively demanded permanent administration of affairs by an intelligent public sentiment, it upon the principles of a republican also appears consonant with our situa- form of government, will be the paration, which is naturally favorable to | mount object of your deliberations, the Government to negotiate a treaty of essary to decide whether to reach the political union with the great and desired result by taking the present | friendly nation that lies nearest to us, system as a basis and building upon must, I respectfully submit, be as that, or by wholly reorganizing the fully recognized by you as a vital policy of the new republic as it has

been of the Provisional Government. I would urge upon your attention better opportunity for establishing a the accepted view that the franchise system suited to national conditions. is a duty or function of citizenship The question of the composition of | conferred by the State, rather than a the Convention to be called for mak- right. And it is a duty which may only be performed with advantage to ing one; for while it was desired to the State by those who are mentally have direct popular representation to qualified for its responsible decisions. as great an extent as might be possi-ble, the Councils felt that they could may serve his country to advantage not, consistently with the trust im- on the battlefield. It is only as a posed upon them by the proclamation | means of approximately arriving at a of January 17th, 1893, relinquish to reasonable standard of mental qualifiwelfare of the country. It was there- a method, though imperfect and in fore decided to confide the work to a some cases harsh to the individual, is body made up of the Councils and | yet in the main an effective ally to the more direct effort to reach the same result through educational qualifications, which in practice is more difficult of application.

The questien whether the franchise should be limited to citizens of the republic will demand your serious consideration, in view of the accepted logical end-through its own plot to practice of other civilized nations. turn back the movement of public and the danger of allowing those not progress and to subjugate all national under the obligations of citizenship and owing fealty to possible hostile governments, to exercise this important function.

The powers which the constitution should confer upon the President is a subject which calls for careful study tion, both the right and the duty to on your part, in order that the office intercept the threatened retrograde may not be allowed to become a menace to civil liberty from having too much authority on the one hand, tion has a right to drag the other part and that it may not degenerate into a back to barbarism; and no ruler has useless feature from having too little The question, also, whether the

surrender the task to those who are ity and official patronage belonging willing to do it for them.

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